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banking laws. Why, then, should banks and trust companies presume to "steal" the lawyer's legal livelihood without first complying, through training, experience, and the assumption of statutory obligations, with the regular educational, legal and moral requirements of the profession.

Why, indeed, should not the lawyers take immediate steps to curtail the activities of such parasitic legal lights? It should not be necessary to do battle, but if the bankers continue to insist on giving the lawyers a battle, why not accommodate them, pronto and with gusto. Judge Wolf, of Ohio, has already decided that injunction supplies the proper procedure and an adequate remedy.

We quote the pamphlet:

"The property of any person who dies without leaving a will becomes subject to the intestacy statute. This is the State's provision for handling estates, based not on your plans and desires, nor on the needs and requirements of your heirs, but on a general average of many such cases.

"The first disadvantage your heirs will feel in such event, is the length of time involved in probating your estate—naming an executor, taking inventory, listing obligations, paying current expenses and government fees and taxes, and so on—during all of which time your estate is dormant so far as your heirs are concerned, unproductive of income regardless of need or exigency.

"How much more thoughtful of and helpful toward your heirs to have The First National Bank & Trust Company take hold at once and carry on for them without delay or danger of error!

"Today is an ideal time to settle this matter of your will, and we are ready to help you."

JUDGES PRO TEM

California's Bar is as "unusual" in its functioning as is California's weather. May its new scheme bring roses for the white winter of civil-case-delay. It brings that promise to us.

A list of "pro tem" judges is prepared by the proper tribunal—Circuit Court, Superior Court, or Supreme Court. The attorneys for the respective parties to a suit select one from this list. He is approved by the presiding judge and sworn in as judge pro tem. From that time he exercises all of the powers of the court until final determination of that cause.

It is believed to be the way out of the maze of piled-up civil court business without resort to major surgery or quack legislative panaceas.

The lawyer-judge, who thus functions, not having lost contact with his fellow practitioners, is usually alert and sympathetic in his consideration of matters presented to him. A friendly desire to assist, coupled with the fact that his selection "places him on his metal", results in an impartial, thorough hearing, we are assured.

The scheme, we frankly confess, makes its appeal.